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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural area that the major carriers such as Comcast, AT&T and others refused to serve. Now a smaller local carrier, Race Communications, has stepped up to provide broadband internet, tv, and telephone services at rates substantially less than the majors via fiber. Before Race we had to get our internet via Hughesnet satellite. Although that was a step-up from the dialup we used before, the 25mB quoted service often turned out to be less than 1mB when we measured it. The new Race service is Gigabyte service. The old AT&T phone service cost me over \$150/month for 2 lines (plus a separate long distance provider). Race charges me \$20/month for the same two lines and includes free long distance. Race's service has been reliable. AT&T's line went out every time it rained. We had to install a new 350 foot underground conduit for the AT&T line, but still the service was unreliable even after a number of years of service calls. These services are critical to both my home and business. The major carriers should not be allowed to raise the prices to damage the local carriers and try to put them out of the business that the major carriers refused to take on.

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